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Much delayed revival has KR Puram's Vengaiah Lake choked with sewage, hyacinth as residents bear the stench

DEATH OF A DEADLINE

Civic body announces new date to start lake rejuvenation

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The 170-year-old Vengaiah Lake in KR Puram, spread across 64 acres, has been lying in a state of sheer neglect for a long time now, as BM had reported earlier too.

In spite of a bhoomi pooja ahead of the waterbody's rejuvenation held back in the month of January, no ground work has begun yet for the revival of the lake so far.

The residents of the area told Bangalore Mirror that the health of the lake is rapidly deteriorating by the day.

Sewage has been continuously flowing into the lake. The residents also pointed out that there are no proper drainage systems in the nearby residential localities — all the wastewater has been directly entering the lake. Meanwhile, the entire waterbody is covered with hyacinth paving the way for mosquito breeding too.

People living in the nearby localities are suffocating due to the stench emanating from the waterbody. Residents alleged that they have been given false assurances by the BBMP that the latter shall carry out

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"The sanctioned amount was approved by Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority (KTCDA) only in July — Ravi, executive engineer, BBMP

First Things First

70-year-old ranked first in civil engineering diploma

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During the covid pandemic, senior citizens had to stay at home. However, a senior citizen decided to attend college instead back then. Today, he has been ranked first in the polytechnic exams conducted by the department of technical education. The man will be presented the certificate at a programme scheduled at the Vidhana Soudha on Wednesday.

Seventy-year-old Narayan Bhat is probably the senior most student in the history of education to score a first rank. By scoring 94%, he stood first in the civil engineering diploma course. The exams were held in August/September this year.

"At the age of 68, I decided to study once again. So, I religiously attended classes. In fact, I have not bunked class even for a day. As the college mandated me to wear uniforms, I got a fresh set of uniforms stitched," Bhat told BM.

So, why did he choose a diploma again? Bhat, who hails from Sirsi, had earlier obtained a diploma in mechanical engineering way back in 1973; incidentally, he had secured the second rank in the state then: "Though I had done a mechanical

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Papon, live

Phoenix Marketcity Bengaluru is all set to host an enthralling performance and musical night with Papon. He is a multi-lingual singer and has sung in many languages such as Assamese, Bengali, Tamil, and Marathi. Papon's music is influenced by a variety of sounds from traditional folk to new-age electronica. Known for his stage presence he is sure to enthral audiences. Truly a name to reckon with in the music scene today, Papon's music is sure to clutch at your heartstrings.
Where: Courtyard, Phoenix Marketcity; When: November 5, 6 pm onwards

02 Groove to hard rock

For all new age music lovers, Indulge Friday Nights presents Zed Axis live, a hard rock band from Mysore, Karnataka, who were at the forefront of the live music revolution in the 90s, introducing an ever-growing audience to the raw and primal thrills of hard rock. Zed Axis has now re-emerged in its latest form branching away from its heavy metal roots; the band has modernised its sound and now experiments with various genres while still keeping the fire of hard rock music burning bright. **Where: Indulge by House of Commons, JP Nagar; When: November 4, 8 pm Tickets: insider; Info: 7899529516**

03 Evening harmony

Take a break from the stress and monotony of work by attending a beautiful musical evening at Lahe Lahe. The session will have musical aficionados come and jam together and form a community of like-minded musical souls. What's more, you can even tune out a few songs of yourself too! **Where: Lahe Lahe, HAL 2nd stage, Indiranagar; When: Wednesdays, 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm; Tickets: 9886294444**

On Rajyotsava, citizens pedalled away with gusto

Around 200 residents including kids had a gala time cycling, playing games

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The residents of Basaveshwaranagar and Rajajinagar celebrated Karnataka Rajyotsava on Tuesday by participating in a cyclathon.

Around 200 residents, including children, pedalled away in the event organised by Rotary Bangalore Basaveshwaranagar (RBB). The organisers also arranged breakfast for the participants at Jnanabharathi campus and lunch at Big Banyan Tree, the destination.

The cyclothon was flagged off by Rajajinagar MLA S Suresh Kumar at 7.30 am on Tuesday.

"It is not a bicycle race. I want all participants to cycle without being in a hurry. Our intention is to celebrate Rajyotsava," he said.

Stating that cycling is not new to him, the MLA added that he had cycled around 70 km with his friend recently.

RBB Cyclothon Chairman Sridhar GL said the cyclothon would provide an outing, entertainment and physical exercise to the participants.

"We have made all arrangements to ensure the cyclothon is safe, secure and entertaining for the participants.

One doctor is accompanying the participants to provide medical care to the participants if the need arises," said Sridhar, adding that two bicycle mechanics were also accompanying the participants to repair any bicycle that broke down during the rally.

Children were seen as more enthusiastic than elders to participate in the cyclothon. "I have been practicing cycling for a few hours during the last few days. I will try to cycle as long as possible during the rally," said Vaishnavi, a 4th standard student.

However, Param Gowda, a 2nd standard student, said that he did not practice cycling on the road or at a playground but at home.

Rotary Bangalore Basaveshwaranagar president Srinath BS said that a few games and entertainment programmes were also organised. "We are giving certificates to all the participants. It was good to see the participants cycle all the way to Big Banyan Tree with a lot of enthusiasm," he said.

Raghava Reddy, Director/ Chairman of Rotary Foundation said that he was keen to support the Kannada culture on the occasion of Rajyotsava.

The event was organised by Rotary Basaveshwaranagar

Running for a trash-free Bengaluru

More than 20 citizens including five Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike marshals ran 11.1 km to inspect the streets for cleanliness on the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava. This was part of the Clean Street Runs organised by The Ugly Indian in partnership with BBMP from the past two years. The the entire run was streamed live so that anyone could watch and do a 'virtual' inspection -- on last count over 400 people were viewing the live stream. The second unique element was designing a treasure hunt with clues for the runners. The volunteers of The Ugly Indian showed pictures of garbage black spots that existed on the route, and runners were asked to run and find these spots. There were six such major ugly spots shown (every 1.5 - 2 km). "What volunteers demonstrated is that these 'clean streets' were not so clean a few years ago and it is only through sustained effort by BBMP that they have stayed clean," said a volunteer of The Ugly Indian. The third element was a 90-minute running commentary by BangaloreWALKS for the runners and the live stream audience, with their representative (Arun) narrating city history stories on the run (available for viewing on the FB Live). "This is the first time such an on-the-run narration has been done over 90 minutes," said the volunteer of The Ugly Indian. The 11.1-km run covered Vidhana Soudha, Bellary Road, Windsor Bridge, Mekhri Circle, CV Raman Road, Sankey Tank, Sadashivanagar, Palace Road and ended at Bangalore Palace. "The result was the streets were absolutely clean. The runners could not identify any garbage spots. The six spots visited on the way (that were former black/ugly spots) and now clean and neat," the volunteer said.

Art forms that depict Karnataka's inclusivity

Art forms like Hejje Mela, Manteswamy Kavya, and Dodda Atta will be performed

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To celebrate cultural inclusivity and diversity in Karnataka, the St Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru (SJCC) is organising an event called 'Paraspara', where artists and artisans from marginalised communities will perform.

Prakash Raju from the Department of English, SJCC, and the convenor for the event told Bangalore Mirror that several ethnic groups for Karnataka will be performing at the event.

"Since the institution is turning 50, we are organising this event to mark the golden jubilee. Artistes from different parts of Karnataka will be invited. These artistes will be performing simultaneously throughout the day," he informed.

Siddhis will be performing at the event and art forms like Hejje Mela, and Manteswamy Kavya, Dodda Atta will also be presented.

Siddhis, a tribal ethnic group who descended from the Bantu-speaking people of Southeast Africa, are mostly found in coastal districts of Karnataka. Their performance is known as Damami and Pugudi.

Hejje Mela, a unique art performance, also known as 'Muharram songs' is also found in Karnataka.

The artists sing about the desire and need for Hindu-Muslim spiritual coexistence expressed through spiritual harmony while Manteswamy Kavya is another important art form of Karnataka.

They are popular in regions like Mandya, Mysore, Chamarajanagar, and Ramanagara. In their songs, they worship and chronicle the miracles of Manteswamy, who lived during the fifteenth century.

Lastly, Dodda Atta is one of the most diverse forms of Kannada folk arts. It involves the literary arts, music, and dance and is usually performed after the harvest.

The event aims at promoting and artistic creation to boost marginalised artists.

The event will be held at the college campus on November 3.

Renowned folk dancer Manjamma Jogathi, who is the first transgender chairperson of the Karnataka Janapada Academy, will be the chief guest at the event.

Last mile connected!

Cubbon Park Metro passengers can get feeder bus service to and from Vasanth Nagar

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Cubbon Park Metro passengers will be able to avail feeder bus service plying every 15-20 minutes to and from Vasanth Nagar from Wednesday. This is part of the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) decision to inaugurate two 31-seater MIDI buses starting Wednesday, which will cover 40 trips in a day.

The route length of the service will be around 5.5 km and will include nine stops such as Alliance Francaise, Mount Carmel College, Cunningham Road, Karnataka State Billiards Association, Shangri-La hotel, etc.

BMTC officials said the feeder buses aim to ensure that Metro commuters use it as their first and last-mile connectivity. "The idea is to connect areas around metro stations using a public mode of transport. Connecting Vasanth Nagar with Cubbon Park metro station has been on our radar. The more people will make the transition to public transport, the lesser traffic issues they will encounter," said BMTC Chief Traffic Manager (CTM) S Rajesh.

Road activists and residents welcomed this move. "Bengaluru's biggest challenge is traffic and the only practical solution is public transport and tightening the integration between various public modes of transport. Vasanth Nagar and the surrounding areas have many educational institutions, hospitals, offices and residential areas. In absence of the last mile connectivity from the Cubbon Park metro station, the majority of the commuters have been using private vehicles. This service will help people transition from private transport to public transport," said Rajkumar Dugar, founder, Citizen for Citizen.

Many commuters use the Metro service till Cubbon Park station, but last-mile connectivity has been a dampener. "Many of our students and staff use the metro service till Cubbon Park metro station. However, last-mile connectivity has been an issue. With BMTC's feeder service, even those who have been using their private vehicle will consider the public transport system," said Dr Rajani Kora, coordinator, Institutional Social responsibility Cell, Mount Carmel College.

The buses will cover areas like Cunningham Road, Millers Tank Bund Road, Thimmaiah Road, Palace Road, Ali Asker Road and St Anne's School in Vasanth Nagar

The ticket price for the service will vary between Rs 5 and Rs 15 depending on the distance travelled in one round trip. The service will be available between 6.20 am and 8.45 pm.

"I take a metro from Indira Nagar to Cubbon Park and then use an auto to reach my college. One way trip by auto costs Rs 40. The feeder bus service, I am told will be Rs 5 per trip," said Mahalakshmi R, a commerce student from the area.

According to authorities, more feeder buses will be introduced if the demand goes up. "Many residents and businesses from the area have requested this feeder service time and again. These are the people who have either been using the metro service to commute or will move to it once the issue of last-mile connectivity is resolved. Thus, we proposed it to BMTC and got it approved," said area MLA Rizwan Arshad.

Aggregator to curtail unviable auto service?

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Cab and auto aggregator platform Uber is mulling over curtailing auto services in parts of Bengaluru stating that the 10% cap on convenience fee is not a financially viable model. They say the expenses involved in providing doorstep pick and drop are not included in metered services.

Recently, the Karnataka High Court had permitted cab aggregators to operate autos with a 10% cap on convenience fees excluding GST. However, Uber has requested for the convenience fee to be increased to 25% to accommodate their platform running expenses and to allow compensation for the auto drivers for services rendered above the metered services.

Nitish Bhushan, Head of Central Operations, Uber India & South Asia told BM, "With the cap on the convenience fee staying at 10%, we will have to curtail our services to certain pockets of Bengaluru. We will have to identify the pockets where providing services is unviable. This could also mean restricting services to certain geographies or types of trips. Short trips in low-density areas may not become unviable anymore."

Regarding surge pricing, Bhushan added that conversations with the transport department are ongoing. "We have submitted multiple options to the transport department to compensate the auto driver. We have requested flexibility in the fare pricing as well to compensate the drivers. Currently, the driver is also receiving the meter fare while rendering additional services," he added.

According to Uber, the convenience fee includes a slew of customer-centric features like 24X7 helpline, background checks, law enforcement response assistance, round-the-clock customer service, provision for digital payments, mapping, real-time trip tracking, etc. In addition, they have underlying business costs that are not covered under the current fare-structure model.

He added that post the revival of metered services, Bengaluru is seeing the poorest consumer experience in the country. "Unfilled consumer demand has gone up by 1.5 times before the change. Drivers have started taking only selective trips that seem financially viable for them," he added.

According to Uber, ride cancellations have increased by 50%.

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Rejuvenation effort going down the drain

Dry and wet waste has been entering Shikaripalya Lake near Electronic City

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Just months after the rejuvenation of Shikaripalya Lake near Electronic City by locals and lake activist Anand Malligawad, solid and wet waste has started entering the water body. Without a regular waste collection system from the panchayat, an area near the stormwater drain has become a black spot.

Residents living nearby complain that the spot, adjacent to Shikaripalya Main Road, leading to the lake, is continuously dumped with waste. Piled up garbage often drips into the drain that carries water to the lake that is spread over 18 acres and 19 guntas.

A resident of the area, Animesh, told Bangalore Mirror that the spot has become an eyesore. "While passing through the stretch, we keep seeing piles of garbage being dumped there. The whole area is full of a stench and is not hygienic. Due to this, the residents have to breathe this polluted air in, which has a negative impact on their health. We have been facing this issue for the past five years now," he said.

Locals say that a new main road was constructed to spruce up the area, but it did not deter people from creating more black spots. Another resident said that while Electronics City Industrial Township Authority (ELCITA) is known to be adept at maintaining roads, the neighbouring areas have fallen into despair.

"I am a resident of Phase I and it is near the ELCITA boundary. We do not have garbage collection or segregation. Without any system, garbage is being thrown everywhere.

Open spaces and drains have become victims of garbage dumpers. Residents are primarily dependent on private contractors and almost 50 per cent of houses are not being serviced. Currently, neither the panchayat is heeding to residents' demands, nor is it falling under Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP)," said Ishan, a resident.

This is the condition of the garbage strewn Shikaripalya Lake premises; residents of the area have reported spotting piles of litter since the past five years that emanate a foul stench

> **"We do not have garbage collection or segregation. Without any system, garbage is being thrown everywhere**
> – Ishan, resident

Residents say that the population of Electronic City has grown tremendously to still be under panchayat limits. They also noted that while filing a complaint online through the Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin platform, the complaint goes to the BBMP instead of the panchayat. "Whenever we raise a complaint, the complaint is closed, stating that this area does not fall under BBMP," said Ishan.

Citizen volunteers who worked towards the rejuvenation of the lake rued that their effort might be wasted with continued dumping of waste in stormwater drains. "The lake was rejuvenated with the help of lake activist Anand Malligawad and all efforts will go down the drain. Along with panchayat leaders, the lake was reopened in July. The drains were cleared and the lake was receiving clean water up until this issue started," said Kishore, a volunteer.

Deadline after dead lake?

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development work; according to them, the bhoomi pooja was just to assure the citizens, but nothing has been done on the ground yet.

"Sewage should be directed to the sewage treatment plant instead. But the STP hasn't been working and sewage has been entering the lake directly. The whole lake has been contaminated now. The authorities had carried out pooja to start the development of the lake, but nothing was done thereafter. It is now filled with weeds; the lake is stinking," Jayakumar, a resident of KR Puram, told BM.

A BBMP official, however, announced a new date to start the work at the lake. "The sanctioned amount for the development of the lake was approved by the Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority (KTCDA) only in July, after which tenders were called. The tenders have been approved and work order has been given. The work is going to start in the first week of November," BBMP executive engineer Ravi said.

Earlier, the bund of the lake was used for the dumping of garbage; Anyhow, for a few months now, garbage dumping has stopped at the lake. But the waterbody is essentially a cesspool.

"The lake was earlier under the jurisdictional ambit of the Karnataka forest department; even at the time, it was in a bad condition. Now, when it is under the BBMP, no progress has been achieved. Only assurances are given; we don't see any work or development taking place. We cannot afford to lose such a large waterbody," civic activist Balaji Raghothaman told BM.

Plight of Karnataka Police job aspirants sparks political row

The incident of Karnataka Police job aspirants breaking down and falling at the feet of Home Minister Araga Jnanendra at a public function on Tuesday triggered a political slugfest between the ruling BJP and opposition Congress. Hundreds of aspirants for constable's posts from north Karnataka had come to meet the minister to demand an increase in job quotas and speedy recruitment to the posts.

File photo of PSI candidates staging a demonstration against the re-exam at Freedom Park on October 13

Pictures and videos of young men and women falling at the feet of the Home Minister as they broke down and pleaded with him with both hands went viral on social media. The Congress said that when job aspirants came pleading for recruitment, the Home Minister showed arrogance and negligence.

"Is this the way to behave with people? This is the response you give to the unemployed youth? This arrogance and abstinence will remain only for a few months," Congress leaders said in reference to the next Assembly elections that are scheduled to be held within six months.

However, Jnanendra has ruled out charges that he behaved arrogantly with the job aspirants. "I have listened to the grievances of the job aspirants patiently and responded positively. Arrogance and obstinacy are the characters of Congress leaders," he said. – IANS

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Damaged camera

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The street camera in G S Kumar, Second B Cross. Manorayanapalya, Sri Hanuman Layout is damaged.

Crater danger

Sriramapuram

There is a crater on 4th Cross, 9th Main Road, Sriramapuram.

Bad road

Hennur

The road opposite Hennur depot 10 has been terrible for a month now.

Urgent need: Fix Varthur's circle of doom

Residents of Varthur Kodi inspect junction where fatal accident took place, demand pothole-ridden road be repaired now

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Just a week ago, a fatal accident took place at the Varthur Kodi Circle.

With the accident reported, the residents of ward 110 decided to come forward and carry out an inspection of the area. The junction is usually a busy one with hundreds of vehicles commuting each day as it is a state highway (SH35).

Many schools and residential complexes are located across the layout with high pedestrian footfall on a daily basis.

With the bad state of the road, potholes and manholes protruding, a two-wheeler rider skidded last week and was run over by another vehicle. After the death, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) came in and did patch work at some stretches. The work done was also reportedly shoddy, with loose stones coming out, paving the way for more potential accidents.

The residents, along with the Whitefield traffic police, identified 20 potholes and 10 hazard points in the area. There is even the problem of a footpath that has been overturned in several places.

Anjali Saini, a resident of Whitefield, said, "This junction is a busy one as it connects with the Whitefield main road and is used by many commuters daily. Many school buses and trucks ply on this stretch every day. There is also a lot of pedestrian movement. We need good roads and can't afford to see lives getting lost. The traffic police had also reported about the bad state of the road on the Fix My Street app, but the civic body did not take any action."

Residents, along with the Whitefield traffic police, identified 20 potholes, 10 hazard points in the area

Whitefield residents wrote a letter to the Mahadevapura zone officers, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath, and Chief Minister Basvaraj Bommai. They said if BBMP fails to carry out the work by November 12, they will find a way to get it done themselves, but the cost should be borne by the BBMP.

In the letter, they said, "This matter is being tabled at the Whitefield Ward 110 committee meeting on November 5, and a resolution is being proposed that if the BBMP fails to make this road safe, smooth, and proper with quality repairs since five business days of the meeting (on or by November 12), the ward committee and residents will be fixing the road at your cost (BBMP). Suspension of officers is not a solution for citizens. Getting the job done is the requirement."

The residents marked the dangerous spots with yellow paint for easy identification for the civic body.

City dwellers want BBMP to prioritise pothole filling

As BBMP plans to spruce up public spaces in Bengaluru, activists want potholes fixed first

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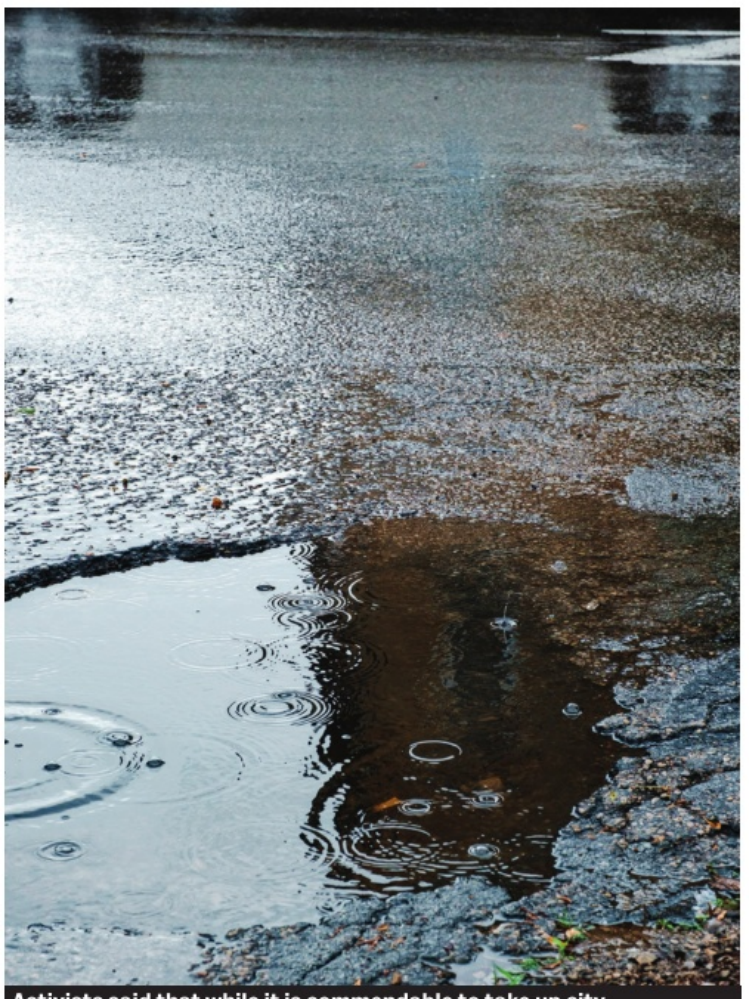

Activists said that while it is commendable to take up city beautification projects, potholes are a bigger issue Bengaluru is faced with and calls for more immediate attention

In a bid to beautify Bengaluru and increase the utility of public spaces, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has chosen three junctions and eight spots on Nrupathunga Road to be spruced up at the cost of Rs 10 crore. Civic activists say that while the effort is commendable, the focus on potholes must not go away.

Recently, the civic body completed the renovation of Gandhi Park, which was converted into a traffic island with many amenities, making it a potential place for cultural activities. Now, they have come up with a new proposal to beautify junctions and key public spaces alongside white-topped, TenderSure, and historical roads.

Three junctions have been chosen for the pilot project - Anand Rao Circle, Subbaiah Circle, and Mysore Road junction near BHEL. Additionally, eight spots have been chosen in Nrupathunga Road for the installation of street furniture.

In a detailed study conducted on all three junctions, BBMP observed that many public spaces were unutilised, had broken railings, dilapidated structures, irregular placement of street furniture and signages, absence of zebra crossings, broken footpaths, roadside garbage, and missing bollards, and were contributing to a rise in crime and inconvenience to citizens.

Addressing the key problems around the Eshwara temple, it has been proposed to add footpaths all around the temple premises, seating arrangements, and bollards around the edge of the temple. Provisions for other developments like a pedestrian crossing and redevelopment of the traffic island will also be arranged for.

BBMP officials noted that the residual spaces under the Anand Rao Flyover had contributed to an increase in crime.

Additionally, a spot had also become a garbage dumping site and there were issues with water drainage.

A combination of seating arrangements and a lack of lighting had turned it into a spot for thieves at night. A portion of the flyover was also reportedly being used for hiding stolen goods.

Fixing the design, the BBMP will be providing lighting under the flyover, and a public toilet will be constructed.

Additionally, a public plaza, two spots for formalised auto pick-up zones, seating areas for commuters, and a demarcated pedestrian zone is being planned.

Near the Mysore Road junction, citizens were being inconvenienced due to a lack of footpaths, broken traffic islands, no traffic signals, and the absence of a formal bus stop.

To remedy the situation, continuous footpaths and redeveloping and activating the traffic island space are being envisioned. Across, Nrupathunga road lined with major government offices in Bengaluru, eight spots have been chosen for sprucing up with new street furniture.

As a part of the project, signages, street furniture (such as seaters and standing tables), way-finding systems on footpaths, signages on trees, utility kiosks, area information kiosks, drinking water points, charging ports, and more amenities have been planned.

> **The BBMP should make TenderSURE specifications the norm for all roads**
>
> –Sandeep Anirudhan, Bengaluru Agenda for Mobility

A formal bus depot and public toilet are being planned too.

While efforts to clean up Bengaluru and adding a fresh coat of paint are appreciable, activists feel that the Palike should not deter from its responsibilities of pothole filling on roads that lead to these junctions.

Civic activist Vijayan Menon told Bangalore Mirror that while the city should not wait for all potholes to be filled to begin beautification, the pothole issue is serious. "Pothole filling is a deep affair of corruption and inefficiency, and waiting for beautification after completion of the task will be near impossible. Junctions are areas primarily used by pedestrians and it's a welcome move" he added." BBMP should make TenderSURE specifications the norm for all roads," said Sandeep Anirudhan of Bengaluru Agenda for Mobility.

Stay alert: New form of hacking in town

Cyber-security researchers on Tuesday said that threat actors using fake Twitter accounts are impersonating banking entities to steal victims' personal and payment information via Zoho Forms, a free online form builder from Zoho Corporation.

The threat intelligence team of AI-driven Singapore-headquartered CloudSEK discovered this phishing email campaign.

Whenever a customer tags the official banking customer care handle in a tweet, the fraudster pretends to assist them by providing a fake customer care number and an external shortened link that redirects to a Zoho Form service. "The threat actor sets up a fake social media account (in this case, a Twitter account) with the brand logo as the profile picture. The fake account has a display name and username similar to the real account," according to security researchers.

Using these accounts, the threat actor comments on the Twitter posts of the banking customers seeking assistance or raising issues.

The threat actor provides the customer with a fake customer care number and a shortened URL.

"The URL redirects the customer to a Zoho Form page which asks the user to input the following details: First and Last Name, Credit/Debit Card Number, Expiry Date, CVV, Available Balance," the team noted.

Once submitted, the Personal Identifiable Information (PII) details are forwarded to the threat actor. "We started investigating the mobile number used for contacting bank customers. Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) performed on the number revealed that the number was also linked to a fake electricity bill payment scam. Several victims on different forums have flagged the same number," said a CloudSEK researcher.

The researchers highlighted that threat actors could use the collected PII to launch successful social engineering attacks against the victim. Threat actors will gain sensitive banking information, which may lead to financial loss. **IANS**

BU to give financial aid to accident victim's family

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At a recent syndicate proceeding, the Bangalore University has decided to provide educational and financial support for family members of the student who lost her life last month due to an accident at the campus.

Shilpashree, a 23-year-old postgraduate student at the university, was run over by a BMTC bus on the campus on October 10. She succumbed to her injuries after being hospitalised for 13 days.

BU Vice Chancellor Dr. Jayakar Shetty SM told Bangalore Mirror that the university staff has decided to donate a day's salary to the victim's family.

"We have decided to financially support the family as much as the university can provide internally. We have written to the government also asking permission to provide this support from our internal resources only. The university staff unanimously decided to give their one-day salaries to the family. However, there is no compulsion in this," the vice chancellor informed.

Other than that, the university has also decided to provide free-of-cost education to the victim's younger sister, who is currently pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Kolar.

"We were informed that her sister

Staffers agree to donate a day's salary to family; students seek Rs 1.5 crore as compensation

wants to pursue post-graduation from our university in the future. So the syndicate has decided to ensure free-of-cost education," he added.

However, the students are demanding a cash compensation of Rs. 1.5 crore to be provided to the family. But, the vice chancellor has said there is no provision to release such a big amount but the university would seek special permission from the higher education department.

Lokesh Ram, vice-president of the BU Postgraduate and Research Scholars' Association, said, "The students are demanding the government to release Rs. 1.5 crore cash compensation under the Chief Minister Relief fund soon. We also want a government job to be given to one of her family members. If the government defers the process anymore, the student association will stage an indefinite strike."

The students have also decided to raise funds to help the victim's family. "We are almost 4,000 students and we are expecting at least 1,500 students to participate. Even if we get Rs. 100, we will be able to raise at least 1.5 lakh. There are also 200 research scholars and we are planning to contribute Rs. 1,000 per head so that will also be Rs. 2 lakh," added Lokesh.

Apart from the financial compensation, the university has already ensured that the university campus is made safer for the students. Following the protest, the Vice Chancellor held an urgent meeting with traffic police and civic agencies, and several steps were discussed to ensure safety on the campus.

A first rank diploma at 70

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diploma earlier, I used to take civil contracts after my retirement. For a lot of my work, I had to get signatures from other civil engineers. So, I thought, why should I roam around, and why can't I have my own civil engineering diploma. Hence, I decided to take the plunge."

Initially, it was not a cakewalk for Bhat. When he walked into the classroom, he saw lecturers and the principal way younger to him. "The first week was a challenge for me and my classmates as there was hesitation in acceptance. However, since then it was all okay. Everyone encouraged me to study well. Every individual in the classroom, from the principal to the peon, would address me as sir. I would in turn address everyone as sir or ma'am irrespective of their age except for my fellow students," he said.

When asked whether there was any difference between college in 1973 and now, Bhat said: "During the 70s, the source of information was limited as beyond class work or library books, there was not much to study. However, now thanks to the internet, we have a sea of information which helped me to excel. During covid, when there were lockdowns, I used to attend online classes. However, what has not changed during my first and second innings is my dedication to studies. I would study for many hours after class. This helped me to excel."

Bhat said that initially the technical education department refused to give him admission citing his age as it would be difficult for a senior citizen to take up civil engineering. However, the staff and management of RN Shetty Institute coordinated with the department and got special permission for him. Bhat has two daughters; one of them is a scientist and another a software engineer. The entire family encouraged him a lot, he said.

Many students prefer to take up engineering after diploma. However, Bhat said that he doesn't want to join engineering. Instead, he would prefer to take up a one-year surveyor course in Mysuru. He said that he is trying hard to gain eligibility to take up that course and if he gets permission, he would wish to pursue it. Bhat had earlier worked at various places including Karwar, Bhuj and Vadodara.

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₹23K crore needed for office building upgrade in 4 cities

Property consultant JLL India on Tuesday said that nearly 350 million square feet of premium office space across four major cities needs upgradation with an estimated investment of Rs 23,380 crore.

In a statement, JLL said that Bengaluru, Mumbai, Delhi-NCR, and Hyderabad hold 347 million square feet of Grade A office stock which requires upgradation and retrofits.

Bengaluru has 118.8 million square feet of Grade A stock that requires upgradation, followed by Mumbai with 85.8 million square feet, Delhi-NCR with 80 million square feet and Hyderabad with 62.8 million square feet.

What it includes

The upgradation includes age, services and amenities-related upgrades as well as sustainability-led asset enhancements.

"The estimated total investment across the four cities for the upgradation of the said total stock is around Rs 23,380 crore," it said. For the capex spend calculations, all projects over 1,00,000 square feet have been considered irrespective of the age of the asset.

The top four cities account for 569 million square feet of Grade A office stock of the total 740 million square feet of office stock across top seven cities.

A substantial 319 million square feet in these four cities have no sustainability/ green certification and 43 per cent of this stock is also more than 11 years old.

"Future-proofing of buildings is about change and flexibility. Building upgradation is mainly an economic-driven concept, which ensures that the building continues to create value for investors, is well-occupied, and generates rental income in line with the best buildings through elements of experience, inclusion, and services upgrades using construction and technology interventions," said Aditya Desai, Executive Director and Head (PDS sales & Investor services), India, JLL. – PTI

HC orders notice to authorities for illegal electric fences installed

The Karnataka High Court has ordered issuance of notice to all authorities concerned in a public interest litigation against illegal electric fences causing death of elephants and other wild animals in the state.

The PIL filed by advocate Ankush Yennemajal was heard by a division bench headed by Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale on Monday.

Citing news reports of elephant deaths due to electrocution, the PIL claimed: "The Forest Department of Karnataka and the Karnataka Power Corporation Limited do not seem to be bothered by the fact that illegal connections are now being given in several places of Karnataka, especially in rural areas."

It alleged that of the about 6,000 elephants in the state forests, 70 died in 2021 out of which 15 were due to unnatural causes including electrocution. The PIL seeks direction to the authorities to prevent such deaths of wild animals. – PTI

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Civic workers to assemble to demand their rights again

State govt had assured that their jobs would be regularised, but has since cut down on the plan

All the pourakarmikas and sanitation workers will come together on November 6 and demand permanent jobs. The government had earlier assured to provide them with jobs, but are now going back on their word. The All India Central Council of Trade Unions (AICCTU) have organised the Karyakrama Hakotsaya at the Ambedkar Bhavan to demand the pourakarmikas' right.

In July, civic workers had gone a strike asking the government to regularise service of those who are contractual workers. They also wanted direct-payment system for drivers. Their other demands included post-retirement pension along with housing, maternity health and education benefits.

The government had agreed to their demands, and stated that in three months they would work out a solution. But, a few days ago the government revealed that only 11,000 will be made permanent across the state.

Appanna, Secretary of AICCTU said, " There are over 46,000 sanitation workers, which include pourakarmikas and drivers. Amongst them how can only 11,000 be made permanent? The government had initially stated that all of them will be made permanent. They even said a committee will be constituted that come out with a detailed report. We have not received any kind of report yet. So we will come together and demand for our rights."

Maheshwari, a pourakarmika from Bengaluru said after the protest in July, they again got back to work from July 22, as the state government had promised to make all workers permanent. "Now the government has now assured only to make 3,000 workers permanent in Bengaluru and that's not what was assured. We have children, and our own daily expenses. Our salary should be increased as well," she said.

BM had earlier reported that a letter was written to Chief Minister Basvaraj Bommai to follow the Odisha government where they have made all the pourakarmikas permanent.

"The Odisha government has a higher number of powrakarmikas. If they can make them permanent then why not Karnataka government. The pourakarmikas have worked even during covid putting their lives at risk and yet they not even considered to be made permanent." added Appanna.

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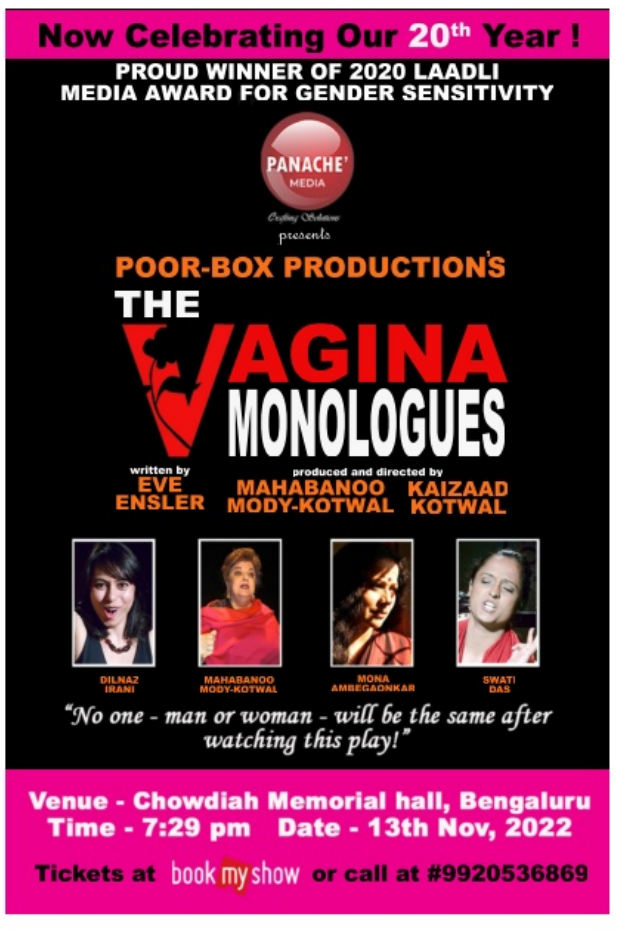
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Late Power Star posthumously conferred with state's highest civilian award on Kannada Rajyotsava

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The State Government on Tuesday posthumously honoured late film icon Puneeth Rajkumar with the Karnataka Ratna Award, the state's highest civilian award. The ceremony, marking the Kannada Rajyotsava, was held on the flight of stairs of Vidhana Soudha amid a heavy downpour.

Addressing a huge gathering, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that it was the government's privilege to confer the icon with the Karnataka Ratna Award.

"This Rajyotsava will be remembered for quite a long time. This is the first time that the Karnataka Ratna Award is being presented on the occasion of Rajyotsava. This prestigious award is being given to a young person who achieved a lot in a short time.

Presenting this award to our Appu will be the pride of our people. People are celebrating it not only in Bengaluru but across the state. Our government has fulfilled the desire of people in the state. Dr Rajkumar received the Karnataka Ratna award. Now, his son has the privilege to be conferred with the Karnataka Ratna," said the chief minister.

There was a moment of poignancy when the chief minister, glancing at the heavy clouds, said that it looked like Puneeth Rajkumar was blessing all of them. "I want to tell him to see how his fans are patiently waiting without worrying about the rain," he said.

"This is the first time that the Karnataka Ratna Award is being presented on the occasion of Rajyotsava. This prestigious award is being given to a young person who achieved a lot in a short time

Puneeth Rajkumar was conferred Karnataka Ratna award in presence of his fans at Vidhana Soudha

Junior NTR, also present on the occasion, said that Puneeth was his best friend. "Puneeth Rajkumar was the king of smiles. It is apt to present the Karnataka Ratna him. I want to thank Dr Rajkumar's family for treating me as their family member," he said.

Recalling Puneeth's childhood in Chennai, superstar Rajinikanth fondly remembered how gregarious Puneeth was during his childhood. "I still remember how Dr Rajkumar brought him to a religious function when he was four. All heads were turned towards Appu when he chanted Swamiye Ayyappa. Dr Rajkumar carried Appu on his shoulders to Sabarimala," he said.

He added that he had predicted the success of Puneeth's maiden movie Appu at the box office. "Dr Rajkumar invited me to the special screening of Kannada movie Appu. After watching the movie, I predicted its success at the box office. Dr Rajkumar told me to handover the memento to Puneeth Rajkumar at 100th day celebrations of the movie Appu. I did the same as per Dr Rajkumar's advice," he said.

The duration of the grand function was shortened due to the downpour. The Karnataka Ratna award was received by Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar. Infosys Foundation chairperson Sudha Murthy, Rajinikanth, Junior NTR and ministers, and others present on the occasion.

Prior to this, a musical programme, led by playback singer Vijay Prakash was held.

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CULTURE VULTURE

Lower perceived personal control favours growth of collective control, shows study

People who feel that they lack personal control are more likely to prefer a culture that imposes order, a new study has found.

Further, according to the study published by the American Psychological Association, these "tighter" cultures, in turn, perpetuate their existence by reducing people's sense of personal control and increasing their sense of collective control.

"Strong social norms — a core feature of tight cultures — help people view the world as simple and coherent. As strong norms guide their behaviour and allow them to predict others', they can provide significant order and predictability in everyday social life," said lead author Anyi Ma from Tulane University, Louisiana, US.

"So, when people lack control and desire structure, they may come to prefer tighter cultures," she said.

Researchers analysed survey data and conducted a series of experiments to better understand how a sense of personal control can affect preference for cultural tightness and vice versa. The findings are published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology.

First, the researchers looked at data from more than 5,700 participants from the Midlife in United States (MIDUS) survey, a nationally representative, longitudinal study of health and well-being. The data was collected in two waves: 2004-2006 and 2013-2014.

As part of the survey, participants were asked a series of questions designed to assess their perceived level of personal control.

Researchers used scores for tightness and looseness of individual states calculated by experts from the University of Maryland in 2014. Scores for each state were derived using an established measure such as strength of punishment, latitude / permissiveness, diversity and prevalence and strength of institutions (e.g., how religious the population is).

Individuals who reported lower levels of perceived personal control were significantly more likely to express a preference for states that scored higher in societal tightness. These findings remained true, and even strengthened, after controlling for participants' gender, age, income and education.

The researchers also conducted a survey of 225 employees from a large apparel retailer in southern China.

Similar to the findings from the MIDUS survey, participants who expressed lower levels of personal control were more likely to express a preference for a tighter organisational structure.

Additionally, employees who reported lower levels of personal control were more likely to express a higher need for structure and those with a higher need for structure were more likely to prefer a tighter organisational culture.

Researchers also tested whether being in a tight culture reduced people's perceptions of personal control. Ninety eight participants, recruited online, were randomly assigned to read a description of a company that either had a tight or a loose organisational culture and asked to imagine they had accepted a job there.

Participants who imagined working for a company with a tight culture perceived significantly lower personal control.

A separate but similar experiment, comprising 96 online participants, also asked individuals to imagine working for a company with tight or loose organisational cultures, but instead of asking about personal control, they were asked to respond to a series of statements designed to measure their sense of collective control (e.g., "I would feel that employees in the company can work together to control the fate of the company").

Results from these experiments provide evidence for the idea that tight cultures lower people's feelings of personal control but increase their sense of collective control, according to Ma.

"Scholars have argued that tight cultures evolved as a way for people to collectively mitigate societal threats. We support this idea by showing that being in a tight culture increases people's perceptions of collective control, which makes them feel more confident in overcoming external threats as a group," she said.

"The increased collective control afforded by tight cultures might be especially important in the COVID-19 pandemic, in which a coordinated collective response is vital for survival."

"Before doing this research, I used to think that we are products of the culture we live in," said Ma.

"The idea that we are individual beings capable of shaping the cultures that we live in is absolutely fascinating to me." **PTI**

MIRRORLIGHTS

'Myositis not dangerous but could be depressing'

Ever since actor Samantha Ruth Prabhu revealed that she has been diagnosed with myositis, people, in general, and her fans, in particular, have been expressing concern and wishing her a speedy recovery. However, not many are aware of the ailment she is suffering from.

Myositis is an autoimmune health condition that affects muscles and in some cases, could cause severe weakness.

Health practitioners in Hyderabad, the city where Samantha is undergoing treatment for her ailment, told IANS that myositis might not be dangerous but could be distressing. Myositis can be cured and one can lead a normal life with the usage of regular medication, proper exercise, a balanced diet and an active lifestyle.

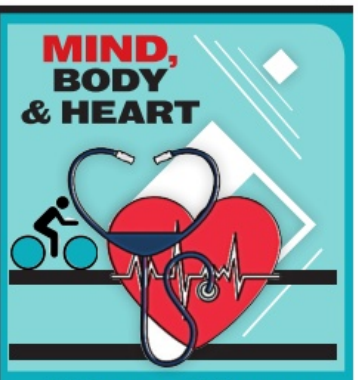
According to Dr Sharath Chandra Mouli, Consultant Rheumatologist, KIMS Hospitals, exercise plays a major role in the treatment of myositis.

"Exercise is a very important part of treatment for all types of

myositis. It can help reduce weakness, give more energy, and build up or restore muscle strength. Exercise and physiotherapy are very important in treating myositis. It's very important to maintain gentle movement of the muscles and joints. This makes sure that the joints do not become stiff and end up in a fixed position," he said.

Myositis generally affects proximal muscles which leads to difficulty in getting up from a sitting position and lifting objects higher than shoulder level. This is more common in women and commonly affects children and age groups of 45-60. Rarely this can also occur in other age groups. Myositis caused by a certain virus can be more painful.

Myositis could also be caused because of the use of steroids and statins. **—IANS**



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We know where this guy works, so my husband got in touch with him, advising him to end it with our daughter and to let her down gently, but he said he was perfectly able to make his own decisions and that we shouldn't get Where do we go from here?

COLEEN SAYS

As a parent, I feel for you in this situation – you can see the heartache and devastation ahead, but your daughter thinks she's so grown up and knows it all.
I agree that you have to be mindful not to alienate her so, if you can, sit down with her and explain calmly that if this guy is serious about her, then he will deal with his marriage and come clean to his wife about the affair. If he won't do that, then it's obvious how he sees her – as a friend with benefits, but not a partner.
Also, encourage your daughter to think about what type of person behaves like this – he's a cheat and he's hurting his family. Try to get her to put herself in his wife's shoes. He's not free to date anyone else unless it's over with his wife. But try to resist the urge to say what you really think of him. As for this guy, I hope his wife sees him for what he is. Maybe you can try talking to him again and suggest his wife deserves to know what he's been doing.
My guess is, he'll start to get cold feet if he thinks his wife might find out and if that's the case, you'll just have to be there for your daughter to pick up the pieces.
—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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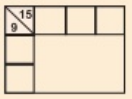
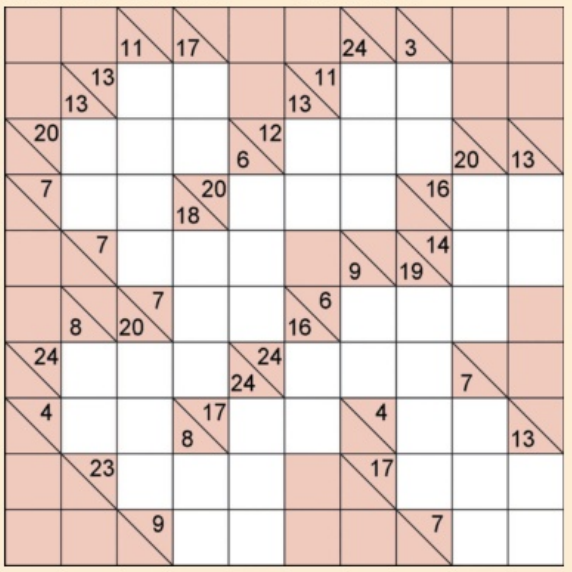
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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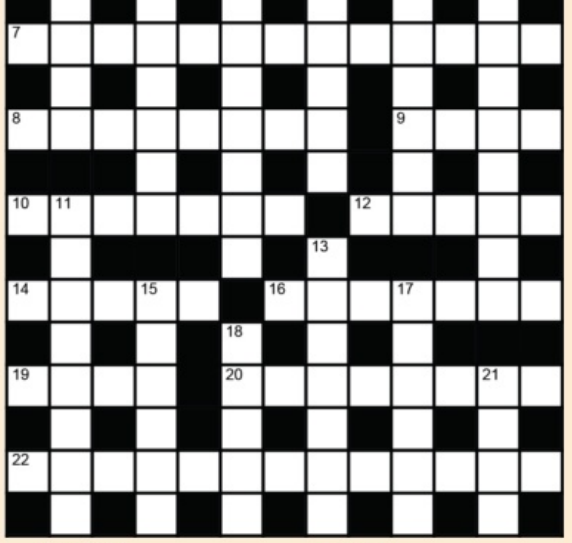


ACROSS

7 Looks shamefaced (5,4,4)
8 Lauds, eulogises or compliments (8)
9 Search carefully (4)
10 Newness; new thing or occurrence (7)
12 Literary effort (5)
14 Rosary pieces (5)
16 To officiate at (7)
19 Prohibitions or restrictions (4)
20 Yearly (8)
22 Quirks and oddities (13)

DOWN

1 Mexican pancake (4)
2 Tourist destination where R K Narayanan's Malgudi Days was filmed (6)
3 Poems of fourteen lines (7)
4 Perceive (5)
5 Young birds (6)
6 Agricultural worker (8)
11 Performs a surgery? (8)
13 Grain storehouse (7)
15 Capital of Assam (6)
17 Sparse or meagre (6)
18 Wizardry (5)
21 Legal right (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: L EQUALS G

ODOFBKUCHL KUWK CT FOWSSB LFOWK WHG CHT-MCFCHL CT NFOWKOG ZB KUO CHGCDCGQWS XUP NWH SWZPQF CH YFOOGPJ.

Linemaro

Are you religious? Because you're the answer to all my prayers

Mindchow

The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time

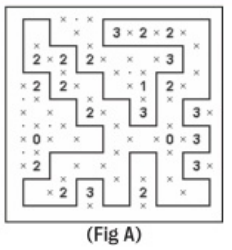
Joke of the day

The problem with political jokes is that they get elected

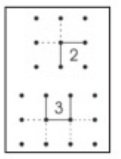
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



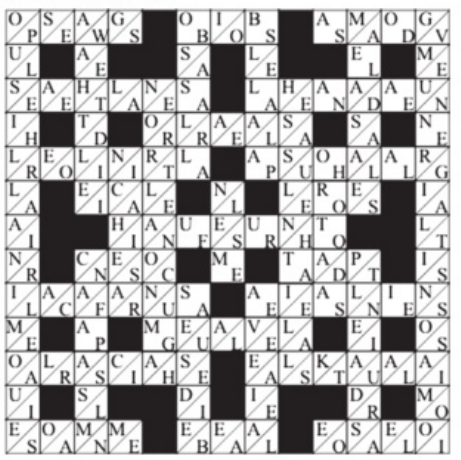
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

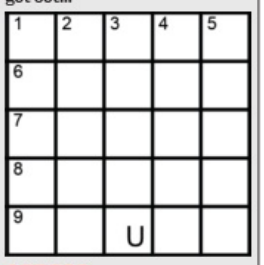
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

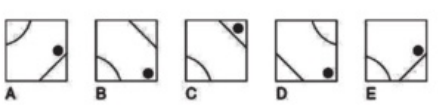
1 It Hun; 6 Nanas; 7 Rink B; 8 Cake E; 9 Or Dug

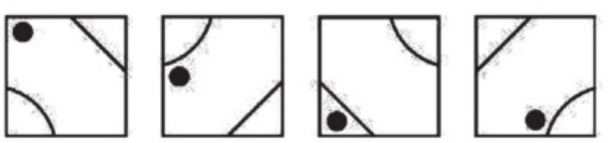
DOWN

1 A bung; 2 Acorn; 3 Auk hi; 4 Niner; 5 T desk

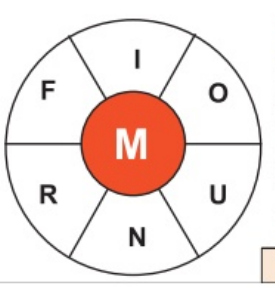
Mensapuzzle

What comes next in the below sequence?





Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; **08** Good; **10** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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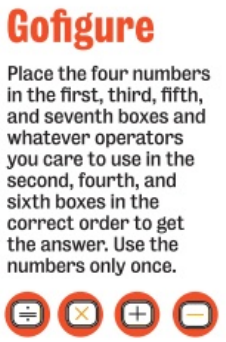
1		2	9			7		
	5		7				4	
			6		5	8	9	
				7				
	1	5	2		9			
	6				3		8	
		9			8	2		4
3	4							1

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

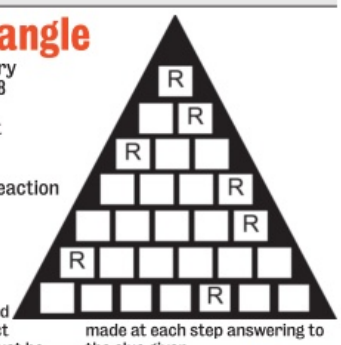
Differences: 1. Glass is larger. 2. Hand is moved. 3. Bow tie is missing. 4. Mug is reversed. 5. Arm is longer. 6. Lapel is missing.

Riddler

Solve this letter equation: 8 =Sin an 0
(Hint: Geometry)

Alpha triangle

1 Radius in geometry
2 Atomic number 18
3 Beam of light
4 Century segment
5 Cake section
6 Indeed!
7 Hypersensitive reaction



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

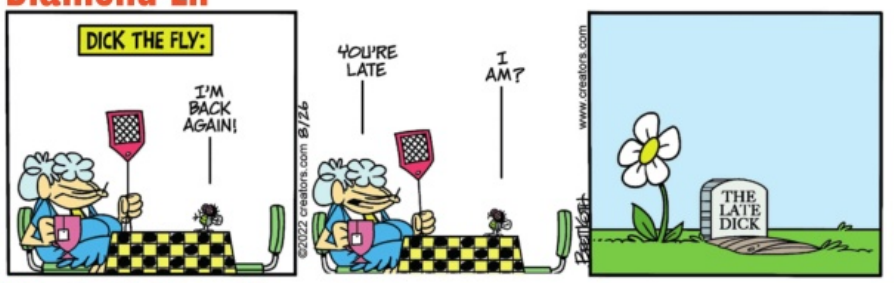
COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

ARE THEY GONNA SHOOT AT US ?
NAW... THEY'LL JUST FIRE A WARNING SHOT OVER OUR HEADS
8-16
THAT WAS PRETTY DUMB OF YOU, STANDING UP ON THE ROCK TO LOOK !

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil



Hart of the city

THE MANIA IS A TOURNAMENT! IN THE BREAK BETWEEN THIRD AND FOURTH PERIODS, THERE'S AN EXTRA FIVE MINUTES.
BOING!
WITH THAT EXTRA TIME, PLAYERS PLAY HIGH-SPEED PACK BATTLES!
IF YOU'VE BEEN INVITED, YOU MUST BE VERY GOOD!
SWISH!
I AM.

Crankshaft

OKAY... THE FIRST THING ON OUR FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST IS KNOWING ALL OF THE ESCAPE ROUTES!
IT'S KIND OF IRONIC THAT THE PERSON MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR STARTING FIRES AROUND...
ARE WE JUST TALKING ABOUT FIRE ESCAPE ROUTES?
WINNIPEG BOMBERS
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be very happy. Your losses may convert to profits. Your seniors may be happy and will appreciate your work. You are likely to see some changes into your place, position, or responsibilities at work in terms of promotions. Your opponents and hidden enemies may be under control now. Singles and lovebirds may take important decisions in terms of marriage with the help of relatives or friends.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today messy situations are under control and you may feel better. You may plan for overseas travel. Your network may help you on the work front. There is improvement in domestic harmony. You may be more creative. You may bring some artefacts or creative items for your family or your office. You may also plan to watch movies with friends or family.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
In the starting of the week, you may expect financial gains. You may strike a balance between your earnings and expenses, which will boost your bank balance. You are likely to perform better in your job. Your boss will give you new responsibilities in terms of promotions. You will get back money you are owed. You will be able to have control over your opponents and hidden enemies. Health should be better now.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may plan to renovate your house. You may buy some things to decorate your house and maintain your social status. There is likely to be some harmony with the spouse. It will create harmony in your domestic life. Disputes with friends, co-workers, and partners may settle down. You may get good news in terms of litigation.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you are blessed by the positive moon. You may feel healthy and old health issues may be cured now. Money which was stuck somewhere will likely be recovered. You may also apply for a loan for buying some items related to luxury.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are blessed by Jupiter. This may give you confidence. You may be able to take important decisions confidently. You are decisive and may grab any opportunity without a second thought. You are likely to spend money on family and friends. Lovebirds may enjoy happy moments. Job aspirants are likely to get a suitable job with the help of friends.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may have a dull feeling. You may not enjoy your day. You may be a victim of arrogance. It may affect both your professional and domestic life. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may feel energetic. You may perform efficiently at work and your hard work may pay you now. which may boost your confidence. Property-related disputes with siblings are likely to be resolved now. A meeting with an influential person may boost your network.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon, which will make you happy. You are likely to get a big order with the help of your communication skills. You may be polite with the people around you. You may take some difficult decisions in business with the help of your colleagues.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you are blessed by the moon, and it is a good day for you. You have a good vitality and may enjoy it at work. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may improve domestic harmony. You are likely to make new plans to start a new project. Jobseekers will find suitable work. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may be disappointed. You are advised to control your arrogance, otherwise you may face some losses due to your way of speaking to other people. Lovebirds should be careful in discussions, otherwise their bond may be affected.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today there may be peace in your mind. You may plan to invest some capital in business, which may increase your liquidity. Your earnings may boost your financial health. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in the family life. Singles are likely to find a suitable match. Lovebirds may decide to get married. Students will be blessed by good karma.

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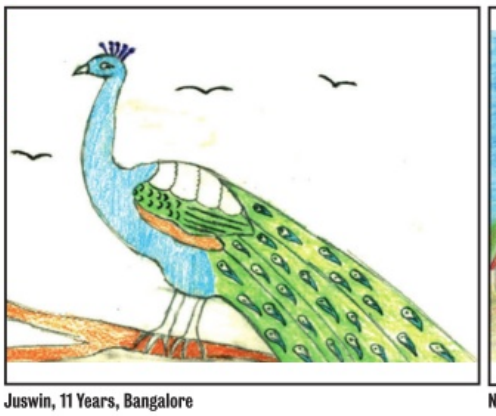

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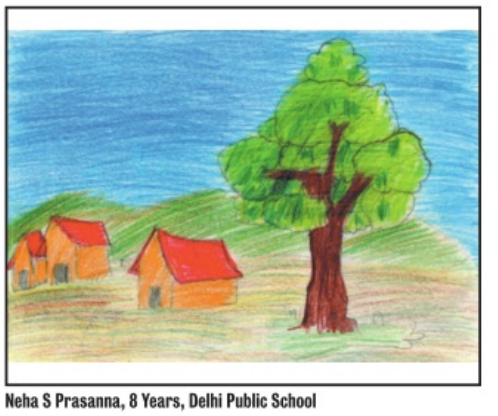

Neha S Prasanna, 8 Years, Delhi Public School

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
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−5 ×5 +25=
−25 +25=
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BULL'S EYE
firm, form, forum, infirm, morn, mourn, norm, UNIFORM

FAST FIVE

U	N	H	I	T
N	A	A	N	S
B	R	I	N	K
A	C	K	E	E
G	O	U	R	D

RIDDLER
8 = Sides in an Octagon

STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
B: the dot moves corner/side anticlockwise, the straight line and the curved line both move corner to corner clockwise

QUOTE UNCODE
Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labour in freedom.

SUDOKU

3	4	8	5	2	7	9	6	1
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8	1	5	2	3	9	4	7	6
6	9	3	8	7	4	1	2	5
4	2	7	6	1	5	8	9	3
9	5	6	7	8	1	3	4	2
1	3	2	9	4	6	7	5	8
7	8	4	3	5	2	6	1	9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
R, Ar, Ray, Year, Layer, Really, Allergy.

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 + 8 + 6 × 1 = 18
Medium
3 − 2 × 3 + 5 = 8
Hard
9 + 4 + 9 − 1 = 21

LOOP

KAKURO

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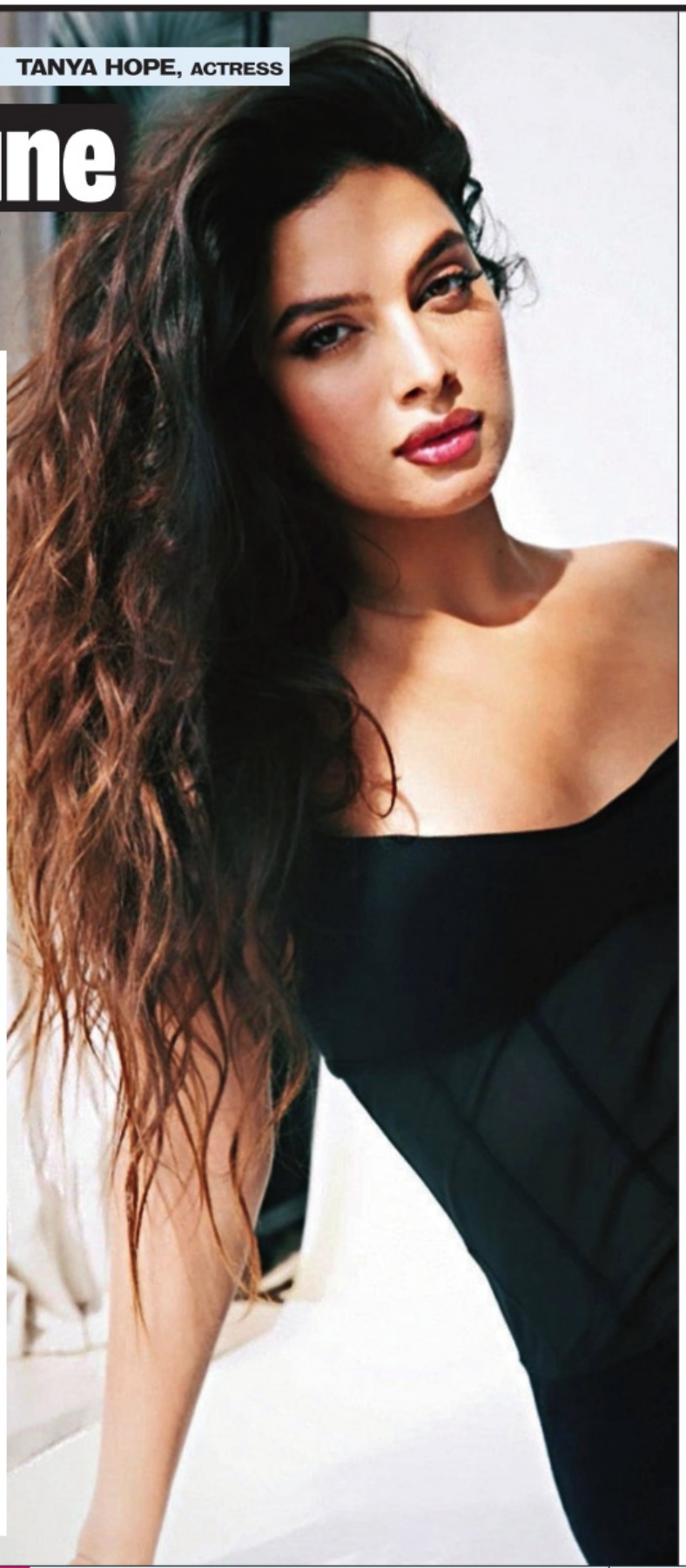
 # Leo, Gigi hang out for Halloween
Hollywood star Leonardo DiCaprio, who was first linked to supermodel Gigi Hadid in September, was spotted hanging out with the model this weekend

INTERVIEW | TANYA HOPE, ACTRESS

Fit & fine

Tanya Hope reveals how her health regime has helped her with work



Having made a name for herself in Tamil, Telugu and Kannada movies Tanya Hope is now gearing up for a new innings in Bollywood. She is slated to make a special appearance in Aayush Sharma's next movie and her fans are excited with the prospect.

ETimes spoke to Tanya about her fitness choices and her health regime, which a crucial in maintaining her allure as a star. Excerpts...

How important is having a fitness regime for you?
Currently, it is extremely important to me. I think if anything the consistency of everyday physical activity is extremely important. At the beginning of my career, I would find it hard to navigate around the hectic work and shoot schedules. But I've realised the importance of just being consistent with fitness. Some days it's just cardio, some days it's gymnastics, some days it's basketball and other days it's dance. The type of workout keeps changing. But it remains consistent.

What form of physical exercise do you prefer – yoga or gym?
It's got to be dance and the gym for me. I haven't gotten into yoga yet.

How would you describe your fitness goal?
I think of fitness more as a journey rather than a goal. My goal is to be consistent on the journey.

What fitness advice would you give to your fans and followers?
Consistency. Even a bad workout is better than no workout. Start small. But keep it consistent.

ETimes

It's a wrap

Paba Azad turned 37 on Tuesday and to celebrate her big day, boyfriend Hrithik Roshan might have a birthday surprise for her. ETimes has learnt that Hrithik has wrapped up his day early to spend time with his girlfriend on her birthday.

A source informs, "Hrithik had a dance rehearsal and a salon visit in his schedule, after which he headed straight home."

Earlier today, Hrithik took to Instagram to wish his ladylove. "The rhythm of you, the voice of you, the grace of you, the heart of you.. and oh that insanely amazing mind of you.. melody in motion girl, that's what you are. Thank you for existing you quirky crazy nutty anomaly of a human being ! Happy Birthday 1/11/2022," he wrote in the caption as he shared a picture of Saba performing on stage.

ETimes

Deepawali gifts from Anushka

Anushka Sharma has wrapped up the Kolkata shooting schedule of her upcoming film 'Chakda 'Xpress'. The actress was in town for the two weeks or so and shot in different parts of the city. The pictures from her shooting went viral instantly as Anushka's humble and down to earth nature impressed every member in the Kolkata team.

Interestingly, Anushka made everyone's Diwali even more exciting and joyous as she sent all the team members a note signed by her along with a gift hamper. From people in Kolkata Police to Maidan and Howrah – she expressed gratitude to each and every one who was involved with the shooting on Diwali by sending the hampers and notes.

Not only that, she even hosted a Diwali party for the core film unit at her hotel and made sure all the guests were eating and enjoying themselves. She had only one request for the team members that no one should take pictures as her daughter was present at the party.

Before leaving Kolkata the actress also dropped the 'photo dump' from her Kolkata diary.

ETimes

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Different role

Director Mansore is busy with post-production work of Kannada movie 19.20.21 that is expected to receive a certificate from the Regional Censor Board soon. Mansore has also been successful in convincing playback singer and theatre artiste MD Pallavi to play a key role in this movie. "Pallavi happened to watch my movie Nathicharami. She appreciated me and expressed her willingness to act in my film. Keeping her wish in mind, I approached her to act in this movie. Initially, Pallavi said she needs some time to, but she agreed to act in this movie as per the schedule after listening to the script," said Mansore. Pallavi is playing the hero's mother in the film.

He said Pallavi worked hard during the shooting that was held in a forest. "She is hardworking, humble and talented," he said.

Pallavi told BM she agreed to play the role because of the importance of the character. "I like movies directed by Mansore. I watched Nathicharami and Act 1978. He is different. The movie also has talented artists. I have acted in a few Kannada movies prior to this," Pallavi said. Balaji Manohar, Sampath, MD Pallavi, Mahadev Hadapath, Ugram Sandeep are the important artistes in this movie.

What's in a name

Nowadays, Kannada movie directors are coming out with new titles to attract audiences. We have it all -- Tsunami, Moorane Class Manja B.Com Bhagya, Dakota Express, 10th Class A Section and others. Now, director Naveen Dwarakanath is handling the megaphone for a uniquely titled film – For Regn. Pruthvi Ambar and Milana Nagaraj are the lead pair in this romantic comedy that is expected release in February.

The first look poster of For Regn was released at Karnataka Chalanachitra Kalavidara Sangha on Tuesday. Parents of producer N Naveen Rao and director Naveen Dwarakanath released the poster. Naveen Dwarakanath and Naveen Rao were classmates from LKG to Graduation.

Thanking Milana and Prithvi Ambar for their cooperation, Naveen Dwarakanath recalled how Prithvi Ambaar attended the shooting the very next day after his father-in-law's demise. "I was not sure whether Milana ma'am would agree to act in my movie. I, being a newcomer, approached her with a little bit hesitation but she agreed after I narrated the script," said the director.